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In re Application of :
Ronald B. WILLIAMS : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Application No. 09/896,195 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Filed: 30 June 2001 :
Atty. Docket No.: AUS 920010245US1 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed 2 October 2006, to revive the above-identified application ("Application").

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The Application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed 15 December 2004 ("outstanding Office action"), which set a shortened statutory reply period of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. The application thus became abandoned on 16 March 2005, with notification mailed 1 December 2005.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a Statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) by including (1) a reply in the form of a Response to the outstanding Office action, (2) a petition fee of \$1500.00, and (3) a Statement of unintentional delay. The reply to the outstanding Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

General inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to Robert DeWitty, Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions (571-272-6051).

The application file will be referred to Technology Center AU 2157 for further action on the filed Response.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bracci', is written over the printed name.

David Bracci
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